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The author is exceptionally well qualified to write this book. Much of his adult life has been devoted to doing and teaching crafts-from the creative point of view. Dr. Winebrenner is Professor of Art, State University of New York, College for Teachers at Buffalo, where he is in close and constant touch with those eager to do creative work with their hands. In addition, he has been quest instructor in Jewelry and Metalwork at Teachers College, Columbia. This book reflects his unique skill as a craftsman, writer, and teacher and will be an exciting and inspiring source book for everyone interested in creative expression.

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Many of You See EVERYDAY ART. It's published several times during the school year by the American Crayon Company. The November-December issue announces the appointment of a new editor-Prof. Emmy Zweybruck. Through her lectures and extensive travels Professor Zweybruck has wide acquaintanceship with art educators in all sections of the country and abroad. She is thoroughly at home with the objectives of contemporary art teaching and will, we are certain, use her unique creative talents and tireless energy to continue to bring EVERYDAY ART readers a cross section of outstanding work of teachers and students in this country. In addition, she plans to include material from foreign countries whose activities will be of interest. The enthusiasm and sincerity of purpose for her new editorial assignment is typified in the following quotation from Professor Zweybruck

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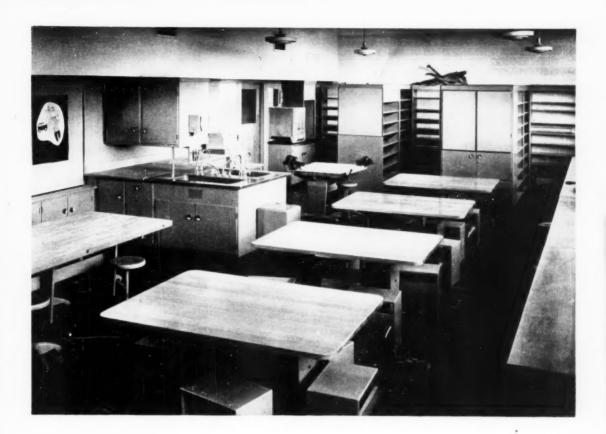
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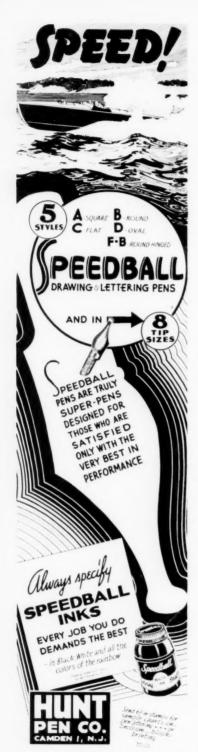
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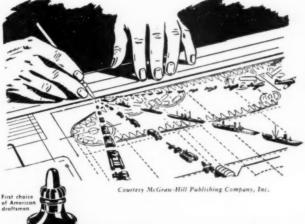
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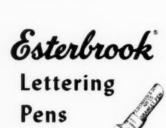
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Young students of Betty Zino and Florence Beaujean of Scarsdale, New York, exemplify Art Integration in Education, as described in the article, "Autumn Hangs on the Door," page 292.

# INTEGRATION AND APPRECIATION IN EDUCATION

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NTEGRATION is not a recent event in education.

When Plato said, "If arithmetic, mensuration, and weighing be taken out of any art, that which remains will not be much," was not integration happening even then?

When little girls of Colonial times were learning the alphabet, numbers, stitches, colors, and months of the year, by making their samplers, was not integration happening even though the activities were not termed as such?

When one or more subjects are used to help teach another subject more successfully, then integration and correlation are occurring. If the art is merely a performance of tracing or copying, there has been no correlation nor integration, in that nothing has happened to the child from within; there has been no mental nor physical development; therefore, that activity has not been **educationally successful**.

Art is not a special subject; it is a **basic** subject in the same sense as reading, writing, spelling, arithmetic, and health. It is a subject which can help to teach another subject more successfully.

The resourceful teacher will find unlimited occasions for integrating art and other subjects; for instance, in arithmetic the child may use colored paper circles to illustrate various number combinations: red could be used for one group combination, blue for another, and so on (the child should be allowed to draw around a circular object, otherwise he will not cut true circles); there are also occasions for working with the triangle, square, star and snowflake star; activities of a theater, library corner, puppet show, flower shop, circus, and toy store. Art is a "natural integrator" with reading, numbers, science, social studies, and music. How successful the integration is depends entirely upon the **efforts** and **wisdom** of the teacher. It can be integration truly worthy of the name.

Photography is a valuable phase of art for upper grade students—it can be motivated and integrated with science, social studies, and arithmetic field trips. Close-ups of flowers, leaves, and insects become useful for future discussions. Some children will learn to develop their own prints. This activity also affords experience in work-type reading and research.

The study of aviation gives real meaning to threedimensional art in the construction of airplane models, hangars, studying and creating global airlanes, as well as a natural integration with arithmetic, science, and social studies.

Illustrating "their own" poems and stories and musical compositions is an ideal integrated creative experiment for children.

The amount of integration in the curriculum should be about the same as in real life. No one subject should be dominant

### APPRECIATION

The misconception that "appreciation" includes only the old, stereotyped "picture study" has been too prevalent.

Appreciation does mean studying and enjoying pictures—but much more is included: such items as arranging furniture and flowers which are art in everyday life; becoming acquainted with the Egyptian "way of life" through the study of Egyptian art, old and new; the utilitarian and structural origin of art—the caveman's weapon which was gradually enhanced by decorative art to make the utensil more pleasing to the eye; the plain pewter ware used by the Pilgrims which was followed by the elegant design and materials used by modern silver-smiths; studying the utilitarian development of the home, transportation, and field machinery, and the study of the use of color—all these are included under appreciation which also provides excellent opportunity for studying structural lines and form.

A study of the color, line, design, movement used by Mexican artists in their painting may occur in correlation with the study of Mexico; a unit on Ranch Life affords opportunity for children to create designs for branding irons for their own "make-believe" ranch; the picture which a child has painted, or a mural which has been correlated with reading or social studies may be mounted and discussed. This is integration or correlation or appreciation. Call it what one will—it is bringing art into the child's life every day.

The self-satisfaction, self-confidence, and self-pride which grows within the child while experimenting with various art media is more important than the product.

Appreciation includes displaying children's art which should be pleasingly exhibited. "A child's painting should be properly mounted and exhibited by itself on a large area which is not cluttered by doodads, calendars, and other art work from months past." A continual change in displays is conducive to child interest.

When a child's work is handsomely shown, "the intuitive teacher will discover the child often admiring his work from the corner of his eye—very likely glowing with self-pride." This is so analagous to what adults are likely to do! Children's art should never be exhibited on a competitive basis.

Examples of a child's work, kept from month to month, and year to year, will provide a source for studying the development of the whole individual—and also the degree of success in teaching the subject. This provides opportunity for the teacher to check against the balance of the integrated program—to weigh the adequacy of the art program in development to the "whole child."



"What do you think we ought to do with these bulbs this morning?"

## AUTUMN HANGS ON THE DOOR

BETTY ZINO, FLORENCE BEAUJEAN
GREENACRES SCHOOL, SCARSDALE, NEW YORK
Photographs by John Gass

"Where's onions?" came avoice nearby. Let's see!"
A pause; a short inspection, and then an authoritative answer. "No, bulbs! I helped Mommy plant some just like 'em."

At this point, Miss Florence Beaujean took some bulbs from the basket and put them on a small tray. As she sat down in one corner of the large, sunny kindergarten she delegated a child to show some flower pictures. Without further ado her chicks had gathered about her listening intently to her soft, musical voice.

"This sounds like magic. I guess it is a special kind of magic. Just think. You put this tiny bulb into the earth, and after a while, in the spring, there comes a beautiful flower." Holding a small bulb, she continued, "This little one is a snow-drop. Snow-drops are very

brave, and sometimes they come out while there is still snow on the ground." Then, turning to the chart, "Who can show me a snow-drop? A tulip? Some hyacinths? A crocus?" Many of the kindergartners knew them all, "What do you think we ought to do with these bulbs this very morning?" Since the answer was so obvious to these five-year-olds, they started for their wraps.

Greenacres School is built so that all inner rooms look out on a beautiful court complete with trees, shrubs transplanted wild flowers, bird bath, two fat turtles, and space for little gardens. Nearly every type of plant and bush wears a badge or necklace identifying it.

Out in the court the children came. The day was crisp, clear, sunny. Though the Japanese crab-apple trees were stripped of their last adornment, some shrubs still wore a few tattered garments. The woodbine, all red and gold



Each had a turn at the planting.



By Spring the onionlike lumps had been transformed into golden daffodils, many-hued tulips, and perfumed hyacinths.

and purple, clung tenaciously to the brick wall. The smell of autumn was everywhere.

Choosing three or four gardeners at a time, Miss Beaujean said, "While we are working, the others see if you can find those old, fat turtles. I wonder if they are hiding? Maybe they think it is winter. It is quite chilly."

The planting went on. "That's right. A nice, deep hole. That's just about it. Oh! Oh! That's bottom side up! No. Up straighter! Now, that's just right! Do you think you'll remember where your plant is?" And so on, and on, until each one had a turn. "Twenty-five bulbs ought to make a nice spring garden!"

The last bits of soil had been heaped down. For good measure, little hands gave a few extra pats. Their mission accomplished, the children picked up their tools and departed from the court, as if they knew that this was all they could do. The rest was up to the magic of the earth.

Then, in a few days a thin, white blanket fell from the sky to cover the little garden. As the season grew deeper and colder, a heavier, thicker blanket was sent from the heavens. It was winter. The earth was asleep.

Looking out into the court one day in March, sharp eyes spied snow-drops. How could these fragile, delicate white little bells have the courage to show their faces in such chilly weather! Close upon these came purple, yellow, and orange crocuses. Slowly, quietly but surely, the earth was coming to life and as each new bud unfolded, shrill little voices were heard, acclaiming the wonder of it all.

About the second week in April Miss Beaujean invited her class to visit the court and see what had happened. Straight to their gardens the children ran. Each was quite sure that this or that bit of green was the one he had planted. Certainly the tallest or more vigorous

growth had more "parents" than ones which were just barely visible. Some children, however, remembered just where they had set their bulbs, and these, they insisted, were best of all.

Back in their kindergarten quarters the class was busy with all sorts of paper construction. Such gay colors—pink, blue, purple, in fact, every flower and rainbow hue. Each child could pick his favorite shade. Then ensued such cutting, stapling, and fixing, such deliberations over the choice of color for handles, such exclamations of delight. The finished products turned out to be little baskets of varying shapes and sizes. Since the date was almost May 1, several children suspected they had made May baskets.

Some parents had talked about how they had celebrated May Day when they were little. Therefore, many boys and girls were informed concerning this enchanting day. In our section, by May 1, May flowers, buttercups, or cowslips are a lucky find even if spring is on schedule. In the Southern states and Eastern seaboard and in the West, it is easy to find the most beautiful blooms for May Day.

The flowers are placed in small baskets, usually made of paper, and taken home, but not in the usual way. The basket is hung on the door. You ring the bell, then hide. Of course, you don't hide very far away and Mother knows where to look for you. You are discovered! Your parent is so surprised! She has found the May basket hanging on the doorknob.

The onion-like lumps that had been planted on that sunny day in autumn were transformed into golden daffodils, many-hued tulips, and perfumed hyacinths. What, in autumn, seemed like a Brahms Lullaby, turned into a William Tell Overture in May. Each child took his or her treasure home. Each hung autumn on the door!



Then ensued such cutting, stapling, and fixing



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### GROWING WITH THE JUNIOR MUSEUM

"I'M GONNA make a dinosaur!" exploded eight-yearold Bob as he pounded out his clay. And he did! A handsome specimen!

That was in the Junior Museum's "Fun With Clay" class. Where did Bob get the idea? He had wandered through the "Science Tunnel" which shows life through the ages, in colorful dioramas and murals at child's eye level. He had watched the awesome activities of the giant Iguana lizard in its cage. He had learned about these creatures in his "Let's Explore Nature" class. These are typical museum activities. A field trip group may collect butterflies, beetles, lizards, or tadpoles and a week later they appear spontaneously in artistic expressions of the art and craft groups.

The Junior Museum of Palo Alto, originally founded by a group of interested citizens and one of the pioneers in its field, has become a division of the city's Recreation Department. It offers activities in arts, crafts, sciences, and hobby clubs during free hours after school and Saturdays; permanent and rotating exhibits of artistic, scientific, historic, or current interest; free educational movies; and special programs of seasonal or timely interest. The small barnyard and zoo is a constant attraction, the offspring providing pets for a perpetual waiting list of thirty to forty youngsters.

The rapid development of children's museums across the nation in the last decade has been a partial fulfillment of the ever-growing need for specialized recreational and educational institutions for today's youth. Each new museum has incorporated broader ideas and facilities that are fast overcoming old concepts of musty corridors full of untouchable historic, scientific, and art objects.

Wheel work delights all ages, down to the third grader who may have to stand on a box to reach his clay. Below—members of a craft class revel in paper cutting and painting as they decorate for the Summer Circus.





The aut was her Science Fair entry and a temporary member of the 200

The Museum's annual Science Fair brings full school and community participation. School classes and individuals enter collections and specimens of scientific interest—rocks, butterflies, leaves, flowers, pets, dish gardens, shells—all are classified, judged, and attractively displayed. A program of science-in-action may include glass blowers or "black light" demonstrations. Crafts classes add to the festive atmosphere with appropriate decorations. Fifteen hundred children and parents participated in last year's event.

Cooperation with schools includes visualaid service. Thirty to forty units of material are provided monthly and may include anything from a pair of hooded rats in a cage to a collection of rare Indian relics.

Some of the "Let's Explore Nature" class mount butterflies they have collected, while Marius Robinson, a science major from Stanford University, gives them helpful information.





Donald H. Fry, an authority on American Indians, tells young members about the origin and use of Hupa Indian baskets which he has given to the Museum to become a part of the school loan collection.

A teacher may select ten or twelve items to enliven her study unit on Pioneer Days, Alaska, The Gold Rush, China, or Japan. A typical Westward Movement might include a scale model covered wagon, a flintlock gun, a powder horn, a lantern, clothing, and utensils of the period. These may be checked out for classroom use for periods ranging from two to six weeks.

Like institutions of its kind all over the country, the Palo Alto Junior Museum is suffering from growing pains. To meet the heavy summer demands, extension programs in crafts and nature study have been sent to five outlying playgrounds.

This type of service may be of help in our perplexing dilemma of "Where do we grow from here?" in meeting the increasing educational demands placed upon the Junior Museum today.

The Japanese Doll Festival is an annual event with exhibits, a program, and appropriate decorations by the craft classes.





A fourth year experiment using Painting

### EXPERIENCE

### THE KEY TO INTEGRATION

A report on an integrated program of art and social studies at the elementary school level.

N ART, as well as in other fields, experience is a wonderful teacher; but in integration it is a necessity. Creative expression is essentially a response by an individual to the stimulation provided by an experience. A child cannot create out of a vacuum. The stimulation of an experience may be gained by actual contact with life or through dramatizing a life experience but, whether real or vicarious, the child must identify himself with his experience in order to create. This is the essence of true integration. Through experimentation with various mediums and materials, a wide range of experiences and varied choices for expression may be provided.

Here are several projects which were conducted in the third through the fifth year levels to promote integration of social studies experiences and creative expression. In each project a certain aspect of the year's social studies problem provided incentive for a stimulating life experience growing out of discussion of subject matter. In addition, on each year level, projects were chosen to include an example of drawing, painting, construction, crafts, and graphics or stenciling. These provided an experience in each as well as a progression from year to year. Each project was divided into five sections: crea-

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tive experimentation as a background for expression; the stimulation of an experience to express; the choice of a medium for expression; the creative expression of the experience; and the evaluation and conclusions of the project.

### THIRD YEAR LEVEL

Creative Experimentation. The background included drawing, paper cutting, and paper construction. A gradual development in expressive drawing from kindergarten through the first and second years; use of paper cutting and construction both in creative experiments made just for fun and in creative expression of experience provided the necessary skills and basis for a refined continuation and combination of these mediums.

**Stimulation.** To discover how much the children knew about their community, particularly their own neighborhood, they were encouraged to tell about their surroundings. An excursion was made through the immediate neighborhood.

Choice of a Medium. It was decided to use the paleblue bulletin board as a background since "the sky is blue anyway, isn't it?" The first thing they wished to make was their own homes. Then they needed streets. Next, of course, came the school, churches, buses, automobiles, trees, stoplights.

**Evaluation.** This project was the expression of something with which the children had contact every day. It was creative expression stimulated by social experiences, carried through by creative experimentation.

### FOURTH YEAR LEVEL

Creative Experimentation. Experimental easel painting served as the foundation for this project which, being a mural, entailed cooperation and intelligent planning. In addition, it combined creative painting with design and composition, proportion and color sense. The additive factor of increasing difficulty of the problem may be seen in reviewing previous experiments in murals, e.g. the drawing-and-cut-mural of the first year, the bulletin board mural of the second year, the large park mural of the third year.

**Stimulation.** In a farming community, farms and their occupants are a continuous stimulus. The trip to a nearby farm was short in distance, but long in experiences and interests. The children would have liked to remain for several days exploring and discovering.

Choice of a Medium. The great interest demanded an immediate expression of ideas. To capture these impressions, paper and crayons or paints were provided for prompt use. Once the ideas were on paper the next step could be decided. Since the committee way of working seemed novel, the class wanted to make use of committees as much as possible. As this was an early experience in the field, the children chose the medium in which they had much confidence, namely painting.

**Expression of the Experience.** The pictures the children had drawn of their impressions of the farm were shown to the whole class and a choice was made as to who should draw what part of the mural. When the whole thing was planned the items were drawn with chalk on the 6- by 12-foot paper.



Above is a third year experiment using Drawing; while at right is a fifth year experiment with Cut Paper Construction.

**Evaluation.** A valuable experience in working together was the foremost achievement. The discussions were often not too calm nor quiet, but the children were learning. They had experienced the subject, they were interested in it and understood it. They developed a proficiency in better expressing their ideas in a different way, yet one tied in with and growing out of their past experi-

ences. Here problem solving, group work, and creative art went hand-in-hand to express a real and vital experience.

### FIFTH YEAR LEVEL

Creative Experimentation. Manipulative work with paper had begun in the kindergarten and progressed through various stages of cutting and pasting, resulting in cut paper murals. From that point gradual progressions were made in paper construction through experiments in making masks, animals, and figures culminating in the paper construction mural. Various refinements and experimental work had been continued and encouraged, emphasizing original solutions to construction problems.

**Stimulation.** Class discussion had reached pioneer farming as compared to modern farming, and each child was anxious to tell his experiences on a farm. A strip film was shown emphasizing the points beyond the immediate experiences of the children. After that, the class wanted a farm of its own.

Choice of a Medium. Some tried building a farm on the sand table, but the space was too limited for entire class participation. They had seen the beginnings of mural work in paper construction in other rooms and wanted to try it.

Expression of Experience. Experimentation continued as the work progressed. One way was discarded for a newer or better way. The entire bulletin board was to be a farm scene. Some time before they had tried making flowers, grass, trees, from paper; but when it came to cornstalks, corncrib, silo, barn, and figures, they found things more difficult. One by one each problem was solved until the entire scene was completed with pigs, cows, tractor, and even a scarecrow.

**Evaluation.** This project was well-balanced in problem solving and creative experimentation leading to the growth of the child. The experience portrayed was one of interest to the children. It was something about which they knew a great deal. They knew what they wanted to say and went to work to find a way of saying it. There was, of course, tremendous room for improvement, but as the creative expression of a social experience growing out of experimentation, this project provided an excellent learning situation.

Experience was gained through creative experimentation to provide proficiency, through aid in making a wise choice of medium, and through the simulation of a life experience to express. Thus we can say, experience in its different aspects is an excellent teacher.





Ninth grade pupils engage in creative painting

# BETTER ART FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS

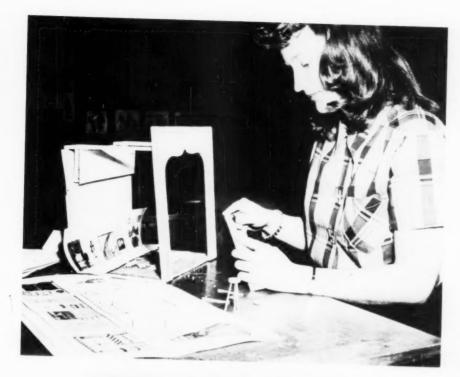
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NDIVIDUAL differences are probably just as great in art as they are in other educational fields. The art teacher usually recognizes these differences and endeavors to adapt his instruction accordingly. Consequently, pupils of similar interests are today grouped according to their inclinations, though still treated as individuals. The art impulses of boys and girls are carefully nurtured, the student with unusual talent is advised regarding his particular capacities, and activities are recommended for him that will stimulate and encourage special growth and development. Although in the elementary school, art is generally taught by the regular classroom teacher in an integrated program, in the junior high school more ample provision is made in a differentiated organization for suitable guidance and training in art. This differentiation, begun in the junior high school, is realized still further in the senior high school.

Is it still true that "the humanities, natural science, and the fine arts represent three different emphases in a broadly cultural education" as pointed out by Suzzallo\* a quarter of a century ago? Or are science and the humanities only to be included as now exemplified in the curriculums of many of our secondary schools? Is this lack of recognition accorded to art in the junior and senior high schools to be attributed to a lack of understanding of art education on the part of administrators, principals, and guidance counselors, or is it due to the fact that art as a high school area is not measuring up to the academic and vocational standards involved?

In examining the present situation it will be recognized that the academic standards set up by liberal arts colleges still constitute the prevailing criteria for many of our secondary school curriculums. If art is to be enthusiastically accepted as a high school subject, it must first seek and find recognition at the college level. Failing this, the subject is doomed to be considered inconsequential and unacceptable when judged by the prevailing

\*Suzzallo, Henry. Report of the Committee of Art Instruction in Colleges and Universities, page 30. The Federated Council on Art Education, 1927.



Astudent of the Theater Art course constructs a stage model



Leathercraft is part of a twelfth grade Industrial Arts course.

academic standards. If a subject must be academic in order to be so recognized, art can be defended as just as academic an area as any of the others and still keep its self-respect. Being "of the academy," both liberal and classical in the true meaning of these words, should not be in the least to art's discredit. Like the humanities, and like science, art has had a glorious academic past and, like these branches, too, art may look forward to a still more promising future. Achieving recognition, art may anticipate success along with the humanities and science.

The traditional and prevailing attitude toward art as an academic subject is that it presents a highly specialized area, one that must of necessity remain closed to most students; that art is a natural gift, lacking which a pupil should be required to enroll for something else; that only a few individuals can profit by instruction in it; that it is not coordinate in the curriculum with any of the other major subjects; that intellectual capacity is not required in its pursuit; that artists are eccentric, peculiar; that students who expect to go to college should not take art in high school; that the more of the humanities, including languages, and of science, including mathematics, a student can get in high school, the better it will be for him later.

The prevailing vocational attitude toward art as a high school subject is that it is impractical; that it is unnecessary for most industrial and technical students as a required part of their curriculum; that it is valuable only in highly specialized occupations such as sign painting, graphic arts, and interior decoration; that those who expect to enter general industry or the trades should take so-called "technical subjects" rather than the "art subjects;" that the pursuit of art as such at the secondary school level, as an integral and component part of vocational education, is unwarranted and unnecessary; that art is something to be applied rather than incorporated in functional construction; and that art is, therefore, superfluous. All of these statements are untrue.

That art is failing to secure in secondary education a place coordinate with the place held by the other areas of equal importance in living is to be seen in the curriculum patterns prevailing in many secondary schools today. Art is failing because of the apparent inability of its present sponsors to identify it as both academic and vocational, and because of their failure to convince the colleges and universities of its importance in higher education.

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With a power machine, high school art majors cut letters for a sign to advertise a school program.

### AT COLLEGE LEVEL



Art Is a Basic Procedure—a process, a means.

# ART IS A PROCEDURE

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ART Is a Basic Procedure—a process a means. It is the rhythmical, balanced way of doing anything which produces a satisfying organization. Art is a basic procedure that develops within the individual, through his intellectual and emotional life, the power to organize in that satisfying and unified manner which achieves beauty. In addition, it includes stimulation and activity of the creative spirit, controlled by the same natural laws

which are in constant operation, building and keeping the physical world a harmonious whole.

Art Is an Educational Procedure. It interprets the necessities and luxuries of everyday living in terms of social and economic values. The clothes we wear, the homes in which we live, the various institutions which add to our comfort and satisfaction, so ably reflect the art inherent in them that they form rich and abundant sources for developing consumer literacy. Art values, utilitarian and aesthetic, both constitute an education. This points the way toward richer living, broader outlook, enlarged horizons, and all in all, better citizens.

Art Is a Communicative Procedure. It dates back to the early stages of the history of mankind. The crude life and exploits of the caveman of Altamira, of the Indians of North and South America, or of the remains of some vanished civilization, are largely written in some symbolic or pictorial form. Drawing, painting, sculpture, and the crafts have been instruments for recording or transmitting ideas, facts, feelings, and just plain history to our civilization. Art is an effective language of communications.

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tion. Picture essay is well on its way toward becoming another art tool for communication.

Art Is a Creative Procedure. It gives the creative release a proper direction and the goals are compatible with those of all general education. In this procedure, students realize, arrange, and organize their ideas in visual form. The three R's become a secondary consideration. The concentration from each student that arises from creative art lays the ground for the essential foundation subjects. It is in the creation of art that the true development of the individual emerges.

Art Is an Experimental Procedure. This is not all revolutionary. It is based on two elementary facts reiterated by educationists throughout the ages. In this

procedure, the child is given opportunities **to move** and **express** himself. The qualities developed in this way are of tremendous importance to all activities. Expression in art gives not only a natural approach to academic subjects but also a more confident basis for tackling the difficulties of social relationships.

Art Is a Psychological Procedure. It serves as a means of understanding human behavior and the development of personality. It helps children and teachers alike in their difficulties by the act of creating something that is emotionally satisfying. Art as a psychological procedure does not play a role in life adjustment. It creates a new kind of life for the student.

Art Is an Integrating Procedure. It deals with the creative and appreciative experiences of life as one lives it. Integrating art with all other subjects is a means through which a child enjoys and enriches his life. Here, art is not just a performance or a by-product. It is a correlating agent. It extends itself throughout the core of education and life.

Art Is a Democratic Procedure. It is the inheritance of all. Every person shares in this inheritance, according to his ability. In an ideal democracy, all people see the truth about all phases of life. Fortunately, art portrays all these. Art as a democratic procedure equips millions of people with at least an introductory appreciation of the contributions that art can make to happiness. Art lectures, museums, and outdoor exhibitions are just a few of the agents that promote this principle.

Art Is a Cultural Procedure. It illuminates human character, action, and ideals. It is through art that these actions and ideals are most eloquently and most lastingly



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It gives not only a natural approach to academic subjects, but also a more confident basis for tackling the difficulties of social relationships.

Art is an Integrating Procedure. Integrating art with other subjects such as reading and writing is a means through which the individual enjoys and enrichens his life.



1. Es el día de Daniel.
2 Maná le dío los dados.
3 Los dados sou de Daniel.
4 Ese dedal es de namá.
5 Maria usa su dedal.
6 Así no le duele el dedo.



articulated. Learning to appreciate some unique style of art may pave the way toward liking, understanding, and tolerating the people who produce it. The interpretations of anthropologists and foreign scholars are becoming more accessible in the vernacular to the general public. The functional nature in which art is used here brings men into friendly bondage. It leaves a record of what men prize long after practical and tangible achievements are lost and their creators gone. Art as a cultural procedure is a civilizing force capable of exerting influences that enhance the intellectual capacities of the race.

### AT TEACHER LEVEL

# MOVIE

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Kindergarten children gave little heed to the camera floodlights





### A FIRST GRADER'S OWN STORY

See the farmer feeding the ducks. The duck says quack, quack. The farmer likes the ducks. The ducks like the farmer. Dick and Jane like the ducks too.

MOVIES are as good as ever for entertainment and education. A movie of children at work, used as the program for P.T.A. groups, art clubs, and faculty meetings, was made by the Lyndover teachers with very little expense.

The movie was made to illustrate a specific way of teaching. These teachers had found that the children could write stories about their pictures, or write stories first and then illustrate them, and the outcome was that they could spell better and write more legibly than when they took formal spelling and penmanship lessons. After viewing the film, many visitors said, "We have heard you tell about this new method of teaching and now we see what you mean."

The first shots were taken in the kindergarten room. Miss Hardy's children were already at work—painting on large paper with big brushes and tempera—when the

camera and floodlights were brought in. The children gave all their attention to their work and ignored the visitors. When the floodlights were turned on and the camera began to grind the children looked up momentarily but immediately went on with their work, moving about naturally. As it was near the end of the term there were few who were still in just the scribble or smear stage.

When a child finished his picture he brought it to Miss Hardy and dictated a story which she wrote on widespaced paper. When it was complete, usually two or three sentences, the child held his picture and the story toward the camera and the audience could read his story.

This indicates an approach to reading readiness as well as writing readiness. Certainly the child is interested in reading back what he has dictated. Both the painting and the dictated story are the essence of mental health.

The painting develops coordination of mind, muscle, and eye, while the composition of stories preserves that precious faculty of imagination.

The camera and floodlights were then taken to the first grade room. Each child was working with crayons, drawing paper, small pictured dictionaries, and lead pencils. At the first of the year these children had begun where they left off in kindergarten but when the movie was taken at the end of the year, they showed much progress—they knew the simple words they used over and over but were asking the teacher for words they could not find, as they were writing more complicated stories.

The first grade paid no more attention to the camera than the kindergarten had done. Miss Medlen, the sixth grade teacher who owned the camera, was adept at getting the best possible shots without disturbing the children.

In the third grade the children were engaged in the same type of work; some were making pictures in crayon, others had completed their pictures and were writing stories. These children were inclined to be self-conscious at first. They were stiff, as though afraid to move, but soon relaxed and continued their work. It was apparent that they wrote more rapidly, wrote longer stories, made more detailed pictures. These children had been writing stories for three years. At the end of the year they were tested in spelling and some proved to be at seventh grade level in that subject. Some tested sixth grade, some fifth, and some fourth, though none ever had formal spelling lessons.

The movie camera next went to the sixth grade where the children were studying their social studies text, or should we say they were having an art lesson, or perhaps we should say they were preparing their English assignment. On their desks were indications of all three subjects, considering spelling and handwriting as part of the English lesson.

Each pupil used a sentence or paragraph from social studies as the subject for a picture, then wrote stories with history and geography information as the setting. One boy was painting his contribution to a mural on western ranches which was partially completed. Dictionaries were still much in evidence but were no longer the colored, pictured kind. The sixth graders were so conscious of the camera that it was necessary to rehearse them with careful instructions.

The complete movie will remain a record of the work of that school. It is entertaining, but it serves its particular purpose—that of showing other teachers, parents, visitors, and administrators that the language arts and fine arts can be taught together to the advantage of all the subjects.



A sixth grade story illustration in wax crayon.



The movie camera grinds away as the sixth graders continue their work.



## ART CIRCUS

THE halls of the school were crowded, not with boys and girls, but with teachers chatting excitedly about the stick puppets, cut-paper heads, and clay bowls which they needs, and clay bowls which they carried triumphantly home. Two hours earlier in the gymnasium of Bowie Junior High School, the side-show barker's cry, "Hurry, hurry, step up and get your tickets, folks," had rung out. Before brashly painted signs advertising unbelievable wonders, there was assembled the most spectacular collection of freaks ever produced to astound elementary and high school art teachers. Chief Red Earth, crouched beneath his blanket, tossed dust from an earthen bowl. Slats O'Wood, the tongue depressor clown, bobbed up and down as Snako, the Serpent Charmer, paraded past. A shiver ran through the audience as the "Lion-eating Man," snarling and growling, cornered the King of Beasts. Unabashed by such a frightening episode, two mice waltzed shyly across the stage, a grinning bunny adjusted his tie, and a tremendous elephant dazzled the awed spectators.

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Was this all? No! The ringmaster snapped his orange suspenders, leaned toward the crowd, and hoarsely whispered, "Ladies and gentlemen, I introduce to you the one, the only, the most fantastic stick puppet in captivity, Willie, the Bookworm!"

Eyes bulged as Willie wiggled forward, bowing and swaying. "Come to my performance," he squeaked, "And I'll teach you a way to make children eat up literature. HO! HO!"

The teachers surged towards the rooms indicated on their clown-covered tickets. One would meet in person the famous characters who had performed on stage. The secrets of the art processes would be revealed—demonstrations of how to make tow-sack animals, discussions for the high school teachers; but better still, there would be material so that each and every one might try his hand at the actual construction of a stick puppet, a cut-paper head, a clay bowl, a scrap bag character, a paper bag mask, a roller movie.

When the workshops were over everyone had new ideas, everyone had something he had made to take away with him. Seeing a new process is an excellent thing, but trying one's hand at something new is twice as rewarding and much more fun.



### READING



The first strip of paper is placed over the teapot which serves as a form for the paper pot in the "Alice in Wonderland" scene below.



# LIBRARY AND ART

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HAVE you ever seen a child who doesn't love a good story? Or one who can resist puppets? The two go together, like cake and ice cream, and we put them together in the fifth grade art classes at McKinley School when Miss Abigail Preston, our librarian, wanted something to display in observation of National Book Week. The result was a long-term project with many desirable qualities, remarkable for the way the interest and excitement held up through several weeks of work. There was something to challenge the children at all times and in meeting those challenges much was learned about proportion, color harmony, and balance, as well as structural facts. Another good thing was the way the children learned to work together.

When the time came to start the project, it was announced to the fifth graders in art class that we were going to make some papier-mache groups representing books in our own library and that the finished groups would be so nice to look at that we would want them left at school until their class finished sixth grade. No discussion took place until Miss Preston had talked to them about books, which she did the next time the children were in her class.

When class time came again, the chosen titles were listed and the working groups adjusted to the scope of the project. Whenever two groups were found to have

chosen the same title, the children made their own solution to the problem. If the subject was large enough, the two groups merged; otherwise, one group chose a different title. The final list of titles included:

Pilot Jack Knight
Rags, M. D.
Preddy Goes Camping
Gulliver's Travels
Alice in Wonderland
Pinocchio
Snow White
Mother Goose
Spanish Explorers
Paul Bunyan
Cinderella
Peter Rabbit
Rumpelstiltskin
The White Panther
Oscar, the Trained Seal

As soon as a working group was organized those children were seated together, and went into conference to decide just what scene to portray. Simple diagrams and sketches were made to indicate the intended composition. This helped keep things simple.

No child came empty-handed to the next class. We had a wealth of materials—newspapers, paper cartons, boxes of all sizes and descriptions, wire, aluminum foil, rope, cloth for clothing, and even a doll wig so the lady could be made to fit her hair. With all that material, we were able to use the type of foundation best suited to the



a form, and the hardened papier-mache shell carefully cut away, then put together again. A problem which came up repeatedly was that of getting figures to balance properly. It is fairly easy to make a four-legged figure stand, but balancing a two-legged figure so that it stands at sits where it should is quite a different matter.

Faces were modeled of papier-maché pulp but the bodies were made in a variety of ways. The usual method was to tear strips and irregular shaped pieces of paper, dip them in a soupy paste made of the wheat flour marketed for that purpose, and paste them over the prepared base or form. Pulp modeling was combined with that whenever it seemed to be indicated. We used newspaper for all except the last layer or "skin"; for that we used torn-paper toweling. Tearing the pieces of toweling makes a much smoother edge on the overlap than can be obtained by cutting the paper.



At upper left are Paul Bunyan characters made entirely of paper.

One girl works with the steps for Cinderella while the others have dolls in various stages of construction toward characterization.

Below is the finished scene of Rumpelstiltskin.

subject—rolled newspapers, wire, or cardboard—and from that time on, the project was like a snowball rolling downhill. It grew and grew as it rolled along, encompassing small obstacles or bounding over larger ones. Great ingenuity was shown in solving the many, many problems which arose.

Most of the problems involved proportion, color, and balance. For instance, a man must fit his bed and Oscar, the trained seal, had to get inside the bathtub. A broken leg had to have a plaster ccst and be suspended in traction. (A little research was needed here.) The Dormouse had to have a teapot, so a tiny ceramic pot was used for



Hair provided a splendid opportunity for ingenuity. Some of it was painted on, some made of doll wigs brought from home, some made of jersey loopers dyed in the schoolroom, some was made of yarn. For white hair and beards we used cotton fibers left over from an exhibit in the science room. Hats were carefully made to fit and were always removable. When it came to other clothing. most of the boys modeled their figures in such a way that the clothes could be painted on, but the girls made dolls. then dressed them. Velvet, satin, lace, and feathers indicated royalty; wool and cotton were for common people. The Seven Dwarfs were dressed in rugged contrast to Snow White's fine lace over pink silk. The Queen of Hearts were a red velvet robe and on her dyed jersey looper hair sparkled a "diamond" tiara which had been a rhinestone bracelet in other days. The dormouse, snug in his teapot, were a coat made of fur cloth.

Many serious discussions took place on the subject of color harmony. Sometimes a favorite piece of material was reluctantly and wistfully discarded because it would clash with other things which must be used.

The size of the figures made varied greatly, but were in proportion within their own group. The smallest was that of a baby, and was two inches long. The largest was Paul Bunyan, a massive thirty-two inches.

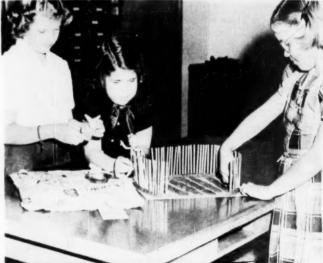
Some of the groups were arranged and mounted on flat bases appropriately painted, while others had painted backgrounds ranging from one to three walls. Cinderella required a flight of stairs leading from a ballroom entrance. Snow White and the Seven Drawfs were shown with a painted forest on three sides. Mr. McGregor chased Peter Rabbit through a large gap in a picket fence made of paste sticks which surrounded his furrowed cabbage patch, and provided a satisfactory enclosure.

The materials used are readily available in any school, no matter how limited the budget. The only purchased materials we used were wheat flour paste powder, tempera paint, paper toweling, and shellac. The shellac acts as a protection for the painted surface and adds rigidity to the completed form. All other materials could be classified as scrap. Most of it was salvaged from the wastebasket or Mother's scrap bag. That fact was not stressed, but it contributed a great deal to the children's feeling that this was all their own doing, from beginning to end, making it a very personal affair.

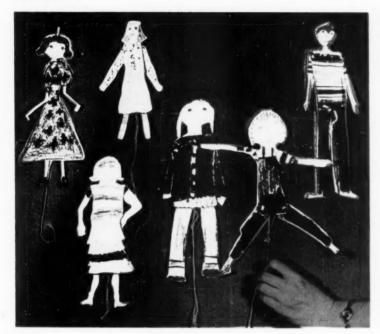
Such a personal project could not help being an experience to be remembered, meaningful and rich in rewards for the children and the teacher, and highly satisfactory when put to the use for which intended—in the library, where the mute figures portrayed so well the dramatic scenes in beloved books.



Peter Rabbit and Mr. McGregor in the cabbage patch introduced construction with wooden splints set in clay.



The newspaper foundation for Peter Rabbit has just been completed. A wire skeleton wound with cloth and covered with paper and paste formed Mr. McGregor.



# JUMPING JACKS

MARIA K. GERSTMAN MARION, IOWA

Photograph by Herbert Gerstman

"Jumping Jacks" by third graders of Irving School, Marion, Iowa. Teacher, Rose McMullin.

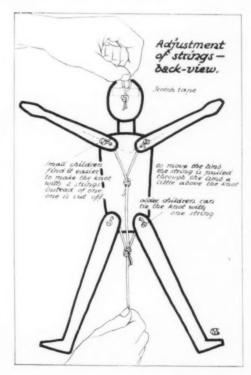
**B**ECAUSE it is the simplest kind of puppet, the jumping jack appeals greatly to the younger set. By substituting for the thin body and comical garments of the traditional jumping jack the likeness of body and clothing of their own selves, the children of the third grade of Irving School in Marion created jumping jacks of personal appeal.

This direct approach to the drawing of the human figure, requiring active comparison, promoted realization of proportions at an early age. The children were asked to name the different parts of the body—head, trunk, arms, legs were readily named but the neck was almost forgotten—and to compare these parts in length and width with each other. They also determined the approximate location of the various joints. The size of the hand in relation to the face was easily established.

Each child drew the likeness of himself, about 11 inches

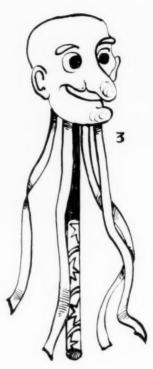
Each child drew the likeness of himself, about 11 inches tall, in pencil outline, coloring it with crayon. A wide hemline for girls was a must, otherwise the moving legs showed beside the skirt. When the figures were finished, the head, neck, arms, and legs were cut from the body and pasted separately onto cardboard. Additional length was allowed for fastening arms and legs.

For the knotting process, arms and legs should hang vertically. When the figure has been strung according to the diagram, pulling the single string will move both arms and legs. A heavy yarn needle with wide opening and cardboard that is not too heavy will facilitate the work. If placing a knot at a particular spot proves difficult for the very young child, two threads may be used in place of one and simply knotted together before and after piercing the two parts that are to be joined. Stringing the doll becomes an exciting experience and leads to the young artist's satisfaction when he sees his creation move!





PUNCH AND JUDY STICKS



PHOEBE H. SOMERS ST. DAVID'S BERKHAMSTED, HERTS ENGLAND

EVERYTHING used in making these toys can generally be found in the scrap box. The first requisite is a substantial stick about 12 inches long that is easy and comfortable to hold. It should be sandpapered smooth and clean, ready for painting later on.

Cut or tear clean cloth into strips an inch or two wide and bind them round the stick about 6 inches from the top. This makes Mr. Punch's body and should be really tight to make a firm foundation. Give him a good-sized paunch by binding a bunch of rags or screwed-up newspaper in the front. See that everything is pulled so tight there is no chance of slipping. (Figure 1).

When Mr. Punch is the right shape, lay him aside while you make two arms from long shaped bags about 1 by 2 inches in size, filled with bits and pieces. (Figure 2). Fix these arms in place by sewing firmly to either shoulder of the model. Tie some ribbon tightly round the wrists to suggest hands.

Make a core for the head by binding rags tightly round the top of the stick. Fix firmly into this four lengths of tape to be crisscrossed over the body and tied tightly under it, keeping the head in position. Cover this core with a "mush" (papier-māchē) made of newspaper bits soaked in cold-water paste, and model. Start by pressing in the eye-sockets with the thumbs. Boot buttons, beads, or little balls of paper-māchē will make eyes. Build up and exaggerate cheekbones, forehead, chin, and eyebrows. Model a large, smiling mouth, and add ears. Support the head while it dries—two or three days in a warm room.

Mr. Punch is ready for dressing after the stick has been painted, varnished, and dried. Brightly colored spirals look nice. One might make a colored jacket with collar and large bow tie, and a stuffed cap with a bell on the tip.

For Judy the process is the same except that she will need hair, a dust cap, and an apron. She might also have a bell on her cap or dress.



Below—the audience's view of

At right are the students behind the screen as they manipulated their version of "Ferdinand, the Rull"



SHADOW TECHNIQUE

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TWO thousand years ago the Chinese used a huge oblong upright covered with a lightweight cotton cloth to form a screen. Behind this cover were lights, and between the screen and the lights human figures moved to tell a story by means of shadows. This, I believe, was the humble beginning of today's glamorous moving pictures.

In a slightly different phase this technique adapts itself to classroom and auditorium activities. We used it in the literary field, staging the well-known Jataka Tale, "The Crocodile and the Monkey," as well as a revival of "Ferdinand, the Bull."

The screen, 5½ feet high by 3 feet wide, was made in manual training. A 20-inch board nailed at right angles to each post kept the stage steady. Unbleached cotton cloth was stretched between the uprights and tacked. Below this screen a shirred cotton valance hid the children who worked the puppets. A stagehand held an 80-watt bulb behind the puppets to throw their shadows on the screen, and the children knelt while manipulating the wooden animals, to avoid casting their own shadows on the screen.

The master of ceremonies, a papier-mache head and hollow hands, appeared above the stage. The light was turned off whenever he spoke. He gesticulated excessively while orating and ducked out of sight when the actors held forth.

The stage setting was simple but effective—two banana trees and a rock, cut of plywood. We had first used card-board but found it not durable, so substituted wood which outlasted our many performances.

A handle was screwed onto the lower part of the crocodile's body and, as the monster moved slowly, it was easily kept from sight. But with the monkey some practice was needed to make him run up the palm tree without displaying the means of his agility. In fact, we had to rebuild our trees to give the trunk greater girth to hide the monkey's handle.

The crocodile was simple to construct. We cut one 10 inches long from plywood, then hinged on a sharp-toothed jaw and ran a thin wire through three brads and down the handle. His jaw moved easily. We drilled a hole for his eye, tacked a small piece of cloth over it, sewed a string to its lower edge, ran this through a brad above the eye and the one at the middle of the body, and lot he winked.

The monkey took more planning as we wanted a movable head as well as tail. Two pieces of plywood were used for the body, the head and tail swinging on nails between. With wires attached and run inward through brads and down the handle, we had most amusing action. Wire is better than string or twine as it does not tangle or break.

The advantage of the shadow picture over other forms of presentation lies not only in its simplicity, for no costuming, painting, nor stage dressing is necessary, but in its ready acceptance by the timid child. Parts may be read and not committed to memory. Every child is eager for a try-out. No one refuses to be an animal—back of a screen. Lucky the child who is chosen to be the monkey who calls out, "My heart is away up here in the tree. If you want, come FOR it, Come FOR it!"

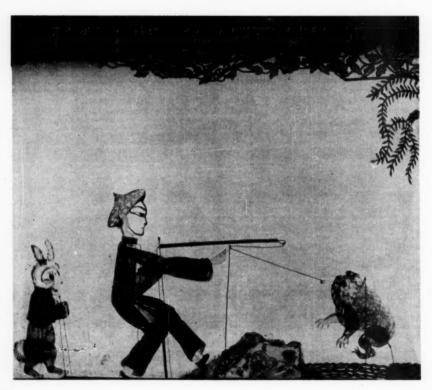


## RED GATE SHADOW PUPPETS

B. NEWMAN

ORE than one thousand years ago, storytellers appeared in the market places of Asia with parchment figures which they moved behind an illumined screen to illustrate the popular tales of the period. Ever since, these plays have been a favorite pastime of emperors, generals, and court ladies as well as the farming populace of the Orient. There, modern motion pictures are called "electric shadows."

Using a Chinese brush, Miss Benton plans the coloring of a tiger puppet.



Puppets made by Miss Benton for a child's play.

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The Red Gate Players of New York City, led by Pauline Benton, use this type of ancient shadow puppet to interpret art, drama, and music to their audiences.

The shadow actors are gay, animated parchment figures beautifully carved and colored. Miss Benton makes some of them herself of parchment or of transparent sheet plastic. Since both parchment and colors are transparent, the light which illuminates them from behind causes them to appear to the audience in jewellike, luminous shades. In this respect the word "shadow" is a misnomer if one thinks of shadows as being gray and colorless. The beauty of the performance is further enhanced by elaborate scenery, musical accompaniment, and spoken parts. Two human actors are complemented by dozens of shadow players. The rest is all light and sound.





To rest a figure, the sticks are held in position with the wooden blocks shown beneath the screen above



#### SOCIAL STUDIES

# BOTTLE PEOPLE

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THE sixth grade children in their study of the people of other lands and different periods wished to dress costume dolls to represent different countries. Many drawings were made of the styles at various periods of time.

The children wanted to make small figures that would stand alone. One boy suggested used flash bulbs, the small size, for heads, and it was found that these bulbs could be placed in the necks of soft-drink bottles. If the small projections on the stem of the bulb prevented its fitting into a bottle, they were filed.

For arms, a piece of newspaper about 8 inches long was rolled to the size of a pencil and taped at the neck of the bottle. These stood out straight and stiff but were satisfactory to some of the pupils. Pipe stem cleaners were used by children who insisted that elbows should bend. A few made no arms but attached hands to the ends of sleeves.

The bulbs were painted with tempera in colors suitable to the complexion of the persons represented. So that the paint would stick to the glass, the brush was rubbed on a piece of soap occasionally. When this coat was dry the features were painted. Some children painted the hair but others preferred to make wigs. One girl covered the head with glue then pressed on finely cut yarn. This made a nice, woolly head.

The boys and girls brought material from home for the clothes—cotton, velvet, wool, rayon, ribbons, and laces. The offerings were pooled. The boys were as eager as the girls to sew but found it hard work. It was easy to dress the women in wide, gathered skirts or closely draped fabrics but the men required further research. Someone suggested wire forms, so coat hangers were used. The wire was straightened then bent to form the legs and much of the wire was turned over for feet to keep the figure upright. The light bulb was wired to the frame.

Studying the fashions of history emphasized the fact that circumstances alter the style of dress of all nations. What may seem queer to us now was considered beautiful in another era, just as the clothing of one nation may seem strange to another.



# MAKING RELIEF MAPS

Bringing the mountains to the classroom for the fourth grade.

DORIS SCHAFFER
ALHAMBRA, CALIFORNIA



WHEN a fourth grader asked, "Is Mexico a state?"
Mrs. Anne Schaffer, teacher at Martha Baldwin
School, realized that she would have to find a visual

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means of explaining geography because youngsters at this age cannot be enthusiastic about facts and figures.

First the children studied different types of maps and learned how to read a map. The class, divided into five committees, started on the first project—a relief map of Mexico. A map slide of Mexico was projected and the drawing committee used heavy black crayon to trace the form onto 26- by 34-inch bristol board.

The research committee, with physical maps before them, built up the surface. A mixture of two parts flour, one part salt, and enough water to keep the dough at modeling consistency was spread over the map, applied more heavily where mountain ranges predominated and less heavily in the valley, lake, and bay regions. As the mixture became firm they modeled ranges and peaks.

The map dried for two weeks before the paint committee set to work. The plains and valleys were yellow; the mountains brown; the bodies of water, pale blue; and the United States which showed, gray. Calcimine paint was selected because it is opaque and easily handled.

The legend committee, with black crayons, printed the names of the oceans and the Gulf of Mexico, and made a key to the map's coloring.

Making these maps gave the children a sense of accomplishment as well as the experience of working together. The maps provided attractive decorations for the classroom as well as a pleasant and meaningful way of learning geography.

# OUR OWN GLOBE

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Photography, Marion Smith Sixth Grade Teacher

CHILDREN at all grade levels enjoy working with papier-mache. The day the suggestion was made in the fourth grade that we could make our own globes of the world by this method, there was keen interest and excitement. The course of study in this grade prescribes teaching about the continents and oceans on the surface of the earth. In this project, art and geography were nicely correlated.

How proudly Glenn and the others in the fourth grade studied their own globes!

One-half of the globe, formed over an old basketball or volleyball borrowed from the physical education department, was allowed to dry for a week or until it slipped easily from the ball. Then a second half was made on the same ball. Philip, with great concentration, is trying to fit the two halves together just right while Nancy is ready to put on the pasted strips which will hold it together.







After the form was completely dry it was painted all over with pale blue-green tempera to represent the oceans. Carolyn and Paulette are very busy doing this. They also traced the continents from maps which were in proportion to the size of the ball, using tracing paper and soft black pencils. They blackened the back of the tracings then laid them on the globe and transferred them by going over the lines again. After the lettering was finished the globes were given one or two coats of shellac.

Working in groups of two or three, the children began by soaking strips of printed newspaper, about  $\frac{3}{4}$  by 6 inches, in water. They were careful to tear the strips, not cut them, so they would blend more smoothly. For the first layer, which touched the ball, Ralph uses only water-soaked strips, overlapping them slightly in one general direction. Before this was dry a second layer was pasted on, each strip being laid on old newspaper and completely spread with a thin, smooth coating of paste and carefully put over the first layer in the opposite direction, for strength. It was necessary to alternate layers of printed and unprinted newspaper, funnies, or paper towels to show when one layer was finished. The alternate layers were continually pasted on until there were six.





They made hammered copper bracelets, as above, and woven mats, as shown below.



# MEXICO AND CRAFTS

ANNE KOVACH
DEARBORN, MICHIGAN

THERE is probably no other country which gives the fourth grader opportunity to integrate handcraft with social studies as well as Mexico. Here is a country rich in all the simple crafts that any young child can appreciate and hope to reproduce.

During their study of Mexico, the fourth grade children of Joshua Howard School, Dearborn, tried no less than a half dozen varied objects with fascinating and useful results. They made hammered copper bracelets, raffia woven mats, braided leather and yarn belts, lacqueredmetal letter holders, cornhusk and raffia dolls, woven wool mats, and clay objects.





At top are colorful braided leather and yarn belts, while, just above, lacquered metal produced gay and useful letter racks.



Bright Mexican colors and three-dimensional paper construction captured the spirit of Mexico for the fourth graders.

# MEXICO AND GEOGRAPHY

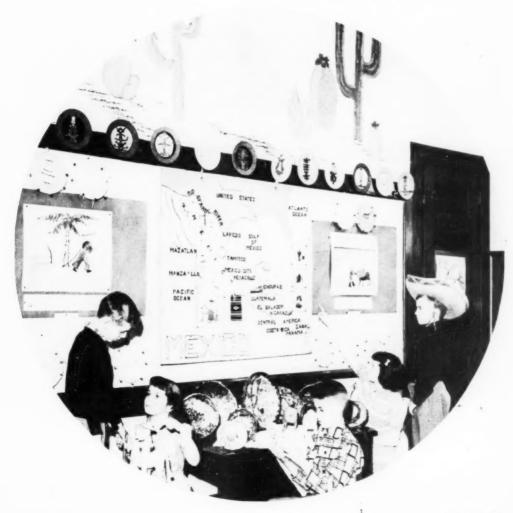
EMILY M. FRYBERGER, TEACHER - RACHEL M. SULLIVAN, SUPERVISOR OF ART WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY

STUDYING Mexican geography can be fun! The children of the third grade at Columbus School made a picture map. On it they placed clippings, pictures, and ornaments pertaining to Mexico.

Paper plates were decorated with freehand cuttings from folded paper, colored with wax crayons and pasted into position. Above the bulletin board was taped a Mexican scene. The cactus plants were cut from colored paper. Some children made studies of typical Mexican subjects with water colors and charcoal. Rhythm tambourines were made with two paper plates, painted and tied together with colored cord and little bells.

On the table are bowls made of papier-mache molded over wooden and plastic dishes from home. They were decorated with small, torn pieces of colored paper from old magazines, pasted so as to give a mosaic effect. The racks on which the bowls rest were made of twisted wire coat hangers. Beside the bowls are some toy pigs, the bases of which were tin cans. The cans were covered with papier-mache, dried thoroughly, and painted with designs. All were given coats of shellac for permanent finish.

To complete our study of Mexico, each child selected a topic in which he was particularly interested, wrote a story and illustrated it with a crayon drawing.





# A PERUVIAN FIESTA

EDITH BRUNGARD

ART TEACHER

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

WILLIAMSPORT, PENNSYLVANIA

N STUDYING Peru, the sixth grade correlated all school subjects, and a fiesta held during the workshop period of our April Teachers' Institute provided opportunity for the students to demonstrate how well they had been able to integrate their experiences.

Pupils spent much time in the library and were also alert for current news about this country. From research, they were able to create designs in the Peruvian manner and to make and decorate objects of clay, gourds, and wood. Muslin, colored with wax crayon then ironed to set the color, was fashioned into ponchos by the boys who wore them during our fiesta, and afterwards used to cover portfolios and wastebaskets. The girls made aprons and handkerchiefs, worn as accessories at the fiesta, and tablecloths, napkins, and decorations used at the tables where tea and cookies were served by the pupils.

The pupils sang early Peruvian songs and one girl gave a solo on the Spanish guitar. Recordings made by



the great Peruvian singer, Yma Sumac, were played, and two Peruvian dances, learned in physical education, were presented. Tom-toms and rattles made of decorated gourds, were used in the program.

Included in an exhibit were maps, graphs, cross-word puzzles, stories, articles, and pictures of Peru.

Delighted comments by the spectators indicated that the children had been able to portray an appreciation for the culture of our neighbors in Peru.

#### **BOOK REVIEWS**

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Wood Carving Book by Doris Aller. Lane Publishing Co., Menlo Park, California. 96 pages. Size, 8<sup>1</sup>, by 10<sup>3</sup>, inches. Price: paper, \$1.75; cloth, \$3.00.

It has been a long time since we have seen a new book on wood carving. This book is written for those without previous experience in the craft who wish to teach themselves—as the author did—and use their skill in making useful objects having original, decorative designs.

For those who wish to use them, there are designs to be copied. In addition, and of prime importance to many, the author presents her material in a manner calculated to encourage readers to work out their own designs.

Most of the designs are crisp and interesting, and are shown as scale drawing as well as large halftone illustration of designs worked on finished

In all, there are 25 projects described in the illustrations and clear, concise text material. It has a modern, refreshing format and is well printed on a good grade of paper.

Ceramics for the Potter by Ruth M. Home. Chas. A. Bennett Co., Peoria, Illinois. 229 pages. Size, 6 by 9 inches. Price, \$4.50.

Written for both the amateur and professional potter, this book gives much precise information, in complete detail, covering the many steps in successful pottery making. In addition, it gives basic, technical and historical information on clays, glazes, kilns, potters wheels, and pottery of ancient people. In a sense, it is a reference book on the history and appreciation of pottery as well as a technical book for the contemporary potter.

Whether for school use or at home, those interested in one of the oldest crafts known to man, will find this book of continuing help and inspiration.

International Poster Annual—1952. Edited by W. H. Allner. Pellegrini & Cudohy, New York City. 192 pages. Size, 9<sup>3</sup>1 by 11<sup>3</sup>1 inches. Price, \$10.00.

Unique in its field, this book contains 337 carefully selected examples of the outstanding poster art of the year from all over the world. For everyone interested in the visual presentation of ideas, it offers stimulating solutions as worked out by the leading artists of some twenty-five different countries.

When your students have a problem involving posters, they will find this book a stimulating source for ideas. The visually exciting and fresh, modern designs shown on the pages will be useful as superlative examples of the purpose and place of posters in art—art at work—art in action—art as a motivator of ideas.

Early American Designs—Toleware by Erwin O. Christensen. Pitman Publishing Co., New York City. 48 pages. Size, 8<sup>1</sup>2 by 11 inches. Price, \$1.75, paper binding.

This book is a collection of Early American painted tin or toleware. Included are tea caddies, teapots, coffeepots, boxes, canisters, sugar bowls, dishes, trays, designs and decorations from art museums, historical societies and private collections. Tin was painted in various places in this country, and it was also imported. The pieces (Continued on page 8-a)

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# BETTER ART for SECONDARY SCHOOLS

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The satisfactory secondary school art courses or curriculum should be appreciative as well as productive. It is not enough that the student be given freedom to express himself creatively, he should be given the opportunity to contemplate and react to works of art, to know whatever is to be learned by the high school student about artist, art production, art criticism, art history. The same academic standards should apply to art as apply to science and to the humanities if art is to achieve and maintain a coordinate place in the high school curriculum. This requires that a balance be maintained in the course of study between the informative values to be learned, and the creative activities to be participated in by the student. Homework should be required in art as in other major secondary school subjects, if these academic standards are to be maintained, and if art is to

Administrative objectives of art education are to be fully realized only through the effective cooperation of supervision and teaching, in which the 
superintendent, supervisor, principal, teacher, and 
pupil share. If the art program in the secondary 
school is to be carried on successfully, the administrator must concern himself with its direction. 
He should no longer think of the subject as special, 
nor as something for which he himself is unconcerned. He should see to it that the philosophy 
underlying the art program is adequate to the 
needs of his entire organization; should see that 
the art program is made to function in the entire 
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The Complete Guide to Cartooning by Gene Byrnes. Grosset & Dunlap, New York City 256 pages. Size, 9 by 12 s inches. Price, \$3.95.

This book starts at the beginning of the subject and carries through to the professional level. It describes with words and many illustrations the working methods of many talented and famous cartoonists.

For you who have little or no experience, this book starts with matchstick drawing, elementary drawing, light, shade and composition. It shows you with lessons how to draw faces, hands, feet, figures, clothing, comics, sports and editorial cartoons; and how to work with pencil, pen and ink, brush wash, color, charcoal and crayon. In addition, there are sections on how to get ideas for cartoons and follow them through to successful completion.

Complete Guide to Drawing from Life by George B. Bridgman. Sterling Publishing Co., New York City. 360 pages. Size, 8% by 11% inches. Price. \$12.00.

This large book is a comprehensive and authoritative volume on life drawing, and is a complete anatomical reference guide for working artists and students. More than 1000 drawings of human anatomy are shown; accompanied with explanatory text.

This one volume combines six well-known books of the author, George B. Bridgman, who was for many years a lecturer and teacher at the Art Students' League in New York.

This book shows and names all the muscles and bones of the body, 67 pages of drawings of hands, 35 pages of drapes and folds, hundreds of drawings of arms, shoulders, heads and features, torsos, legs, knees and feet—all accompanied by instructions and observations of importance to the artist

31st Annual of National Advertising and Editorial Art. Edited by Arthur Blomquist. Pellegrini & Cudahy, New York City. Size, 8½ by 11½ inches. Price, \$10.00.

Recorded in this book is the year's best of American advertising and editorial art as presented in the 31st consecutive National Exhibition of the New York Art Directors Club in May, 1952. The 376 top selections and award winners are grouped in 35 sections ranging from newspaper and magazine advertising and illustration to television commercials, comprising in all 260 pages and including 11 reproductions in full color.

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The Scope of Art Education in lowa is being supplemented this year by a weekly program in television. The live show is being televised every Friday morning from WOLTV Ames, lowa. The series is written by Frank Wachowiak, Head, Art Education, State University of Iowa, Iowa City. Mr. Wachowiak also monitors the program using a different group of children from the Ames area each week.

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Andre Racx, of the School of Painting and Sculpture at Columbia University, New York City has announced that Andre Minaux, the great French Expressionist, will conduct the painting classes of the Creative Art Workshop in St. Paul-de-Vence, France, this summer from July 20 to August 7. St. Paul-de-Vence, the site of the workshop, is a famous colony, situated above Nice on the French Riviera.

Mr. Racz, the well-known painter and art teacher, is the director of the Art Warkshop and Conducted Field Tour for the study of art treasures of France and Italy, which has been organized for American teachers, students and professionals in the field of art and design. Andre Minaux, winner of the "Prix Critique of 1949" is recognized as one of the best French painters of the new generation. Travel arrangements are by British American Tours, 542 Fifth Avenue, New York City. Descriptive folder available.

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